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A New Man To Wear the Cloak

The White House has confirmed long time reports that the Central Intelligence Agency will have a new man soon donning the cloak of Mr. Allen Dulles.

Now the reports are that the new top spy will be a New York lawyer named Mr. Fowler Hamilton. Our secret Who's Who operatives already have compiled a dossier on him they've allowed us to look at and we can report:

He's 50 years old, somber looking, a brunet, born in Kansas City (Missouri side), graduated from the University of Missouri in 1931 with an A.B. and picked up another as well as an M.A. as a Rhodes scholar at Oxford, circa 1934.

He's been special assistant to the attorney general, director of the Department of Justice's war frauds unit, director of the enemy section of the economic warfare division attached to the American Embassy in London, 1943; chief, enemy branch of the Foreign Economic Administration, 1942-43; chief legal counsel, D. of J., 1945; general counsel, subcommittee on the Air Force of the Senate Armed Services Committee, 1956; counsel, Foreign Petroleum Supply Committee, 1952-56, and a member of the Middle East Emergency Committee. He served a hitch in the U.S. Army Air Force in the China-Burma-India theater, 1943-44.

We can't tell you where he was on February 30, 1960 but we can tell you where he'll be from the time he is appointed to the job.

He'll be top secret underground, and only a few people in Congress will know his salary, what his aides are paid, who they are, how big the C.I.A. is, how much money it has at its disposal or what plans it has on its agenda.

That is, that's the way it was and the way it will be unless Congress creates a watchdog committee to oversee activities of the C.I.A. and to require an accounting from it.

If Congress doesn't do so, it will be evading a great responsibility. For Congress appropriates every penny C.I.A. spends and C.I.A. is active in fields that may or may not lead to war. Or to such face-red- deners as the Cuban fiasco.

We hope, quite fervently, that Mr. Hamilton himself will suggest, the need for such surveillance by Congress over his cloak-and-dagger operatives.